



WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

The Weekly Wednesday Update is our newsletter which we email every Wednesday with oral health, health and policy updates from around the state and nationally.

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Getting Ready for Kansas Elections

2022 is an election year, and we are upon election season. This year all the members of the Kansas House of Representatives are up for election, as are all four members of the Kansas Congressional delegation. The statewide elected offices also will be on the ballot. Those offices include Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Insurance Commissioner, and State Treasurer.



The primary election will be Tuesday, August 2, and the general election will be Tuesday, November 8. Oral Health Kansas is ready to help you get ready to vote this year. Here is a checklist to help you get ready to vote.

1. Check your registration status:

- Click here to check your status: <https://www.ksvotes.org/>
- This page shows your voting location and includes an application for an advance ballot.

2. Know the deadlines:

- July 12: Deadline to register to vote in the Primary Election
- July 13: First day advance by mail ballots are mailed and advance in-person voting may begin
- July 26: Deadline for voters to apply for advance mail ballot
- **August 2: Primary Election**
- October 18: Deadline to register to vote in the General Election
- October 19: First day advance by mail ballots are mailed and advance in-person voting may begin
- November 1: Deadline for voters to apply for advance mail ballot
- **November 8: General Election**

3. Check your photo ID. The following are acceptable to meet the photo ID requirements:

- Driver's license or ID card issued by Kansas or another state
- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Military ID
- ID card issued by a Native American tribe
- Employee badge or ID issued by a government office
- Student ID card from an accredited postsecondary education institution in Kansas
- Concealed carry license issued by Kansas or another state
- Public assistance ID card issued by a government office

[Frequently asked questions about photo ID requirements](#) from the Kansas Secretary of State's Office.

4. Choose how you will vote:

- Vote in advance by mail or at your election/county clerk's office.
- Vote on election day at your local polling place.

5. Research the candidates:

- Find your Kansas House of Representatives district at [Open States](#).
- Learn more about finding your legislators in [Oral Health Kansas' Advocacy Toolkit video](#).
- The [Kansas Secretary of State office](#) maintains the list of all candidates in the 2022 primary and general elections.
- [Ballotpedia](#) includes a list of the candidates for statewide offices.
- [Ballotpedia](#) also has a list of the candidates for the Kansas House of Representatives.

6. Vote!

Throughout the next several months candidates will be knocking on doors, and there will be opportunities to visit with candidates at community forums. Next week we will share some ideas of questions you can ask the candidates about oral health policy. Let us know if you have any questions about voting or election year deadlines at info@oralhealthkansas.org.



Scholarships Available for Dentistry and Dental Hygiene Students

University of Missouri - Kansas City's (UMKC) School of Dentistry is excited to announce the largest gift of its kind! To create meaningful, sustainable change, GEHA Solutions has created a \$150,000 scholarship and fellowship investment with UMKC to fund opportunities for students representing historically marginalized communities to advance within these industries. These investments include five \$20,000 dental scholarships, five \$5,000 dental hygiene scholarships, and five \$5,000 pre-dental fellowships to prepare rising dental school students for testing and interviews. These 16 need-based scholarships will be provided to students throughout the United States, ranging from coverage of tuition to dental loupes and equipment. What an exciting opportunity for students! Click [here](#) for more information.



Policy Toolkit Resources

The Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) has published the policy-specific toolkits [Pouring Rights](#) on sugary drinks and [Healthy School Meals for All](#). These toolkits are designed as a roadmap to guide advocacy, with academic research, case studies, model policies, messaging guidance, and other resources. CSPI also

has a [Resource Hub](#) and [Resource Library](#) tools you may find useful in helping people limit sugary drinks and accessing healthy foods in schools.



The State of Oral Health Equity in America

CareQuest Institute created the largest nationally representative survey, State of Oral Health Equity in America, focused exclusively on adults' knowledge, attitudes, experiences, and behaviors. The survey of more than 5,000 adults across the United States also collects information on how insurance coverage, oral health literacy, and access to a trusted provider can improve oral health opportunities and affect outcomes. Here is a [short video](#) explaining the survey findings!



Upcoming Events

- **Webinar:** Take 30: Action for LGBTQ+ Oral Health: Advocating During Pride Month and Beyond, June 28, 2:00pm-2:30pm CST. Click [here](#) to register.
- **Webinar:** Oral Health and Pregnancy, June 29, 2:00pm-2:20pm CST. Click [here](#) to register.
- **Webinar:** Improving Care for LGBTQ+ Patients, June 30, 12:00pm CST. Click [here](#) to register.
- **Webinar:** Oral Health Systems Change Webinar Series, Thursday, June 30, 6-7:30pm CST. To sign up, [click here](#).
- **Save the Date!** 16th Kansas Disability Caucus on August 10th-12th. Click [here](#) for details.
- **Community Care Network of Kansas** annual conference, October 5-7 in Manhattan, Kansas. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **2022 Conference on Oral Health:** Friday, November 4. Conference will be a hybrid event. Thursday, November 3: Dental Champions Reception.



Susan Shelite, Dental Champions Class 9, oversees the Sedgwick County Health Department's Children's Dental Clinic. She was interviewed as a professor for the Wichita State University Bachelor of Science Dental Health

Program and why she has chosen the career path she's on. Read more about Susan [here](#).



Sugary Drink Display Sanitation

Out of an abundance of caution, we are suspending use of the Sugary Drink Display until further notice.



During this time, hand washing and social distancing is on everyone's mind. We want everyone to have the comfort of knowing we sanitize our sugary drink displays. They are wiped down and cleaned off after they have been returned.

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